

County News.

BRISTOL.

Mrs. S. W. Hatch has been quite ill for a few days past.

Miss Sarah Averill returned from Rutland last Saturday.

W. J. VanPatten of Burlington was in town over Sunday.

The lyceum meets at Holly hall Friday evening of this week.

Postmaster Ridley's son "Jimmy" is assisting in the postoffice.

E. H. Dunton has opened a photograph gallery over Farr Bros. store.

The W. C. T. U. meet with Mrs. Haskin's on Wednesday of this week.

The week of prayer is being observed at the Baptist and Methodist churches.

Rev. Mr. Strong and wife of the Baptist church were expected home Tuesday.

A school lyceum is to be started. The first one comes Monday evening, January 11.

Regular communication of Libanus lodge of Masons next Monday evening, Jan. 11.

Wilmer Tucker is worse again. His trouble arises from a cold taken after vaccination.

Col. N. E. Dunshee starts for Iowa this week Thursday on a business trip of two weeks duration.

The meetings at the Advent church this week are conducted on the holiness plan, and are well attended.

Stuart Rogers, dramatic impersonator and reader, gives an entertainment at Holly hall, Tuesday evening, Jan. 12.

The Christmas cantata, given last Friday night by the young people from New Haven, was one of the best entertainments that we have had here. The programme was carried out nicely, and all went away satisfied.

NEW HAVEN.

At the preparatory lecture Jan. 1, H. R. Barrows was elected deacon.

The clerk's report to the annual church meeting to be held to-day (Friday) will state the changes in membership to be: Additions, nine; loss by death, 13; by dismission, two; total loss, 15; net loss, six.

The Congregational society, at its annual meeting, Jan. 4, elected S. D. Doud moderator; H. C. Roscoe, clerk and auditor; M. J. Landon, treasurer; and Loren Richards, E. B. Hickok and N. W. Parich, prudential committees. The auditor's report showed a deficit of \$490, of which insurance and painting were large items. Measures were inaugurated which it is expected will promptly extinguish the debt.

Mrs. Eluthera (Andrus) Cowles, whose death was noted in your column of deaths last week, was the daughter of Capt. James Andrus of Middlebury, and was born Dec. 8, 1804, and died at Riverside, Ness Co., Kansas, Dec. 16, 1885. Mrs. Cowles was the relict of Oliver D. Cowles, formerly a citizen of this town, and brother of the late Martin Cowles, and also of Josiah Cowles, now residing here. The wives of Oliver and Martin were sisters, and also sisters of Mrs. Maria Munger, who, with her husband, Rev. Sendal B. Munger, were many years missionaries in India. Many will recollect that Mrs. Munger died at sea, while, with her husband, she was returning from her native land to her field of labor. The three sisters were eminently devoted Christian ladies.

PANTON.

Mrs. Frank Holcomb is sick, though not seriously, it is hoped.

Mrs. Charles Spaulding does not improve as fast as her friends could wish and her condition is considered critical.

Augustus Harris has been poorly—more so than usual—and he has been in feeble health for a number of years.

I. F. Hill has invented a toe-weight—for sporting men to apply to their speedy animals—that appears to possess real merit.

Ice-boating, skating, polo and horse trotting on the ice on Dead creek have been the amusements of Young America for a few days past.

Miss Willie Conant arrived last week to assist in the care of her sister, Mrs. Jane Everest, who is very low. Miss Tuggart has been caring for her for some time past.

The entertainment given by the Sabbath school of the M. E. church on Dec. 27, is reported as being as good as any ever given by the school, the singing being even better than usual.

Henry Allen is really improving. He lately gained 12 pounds in flesh in three weeks, after having been under the care of Dr. H. F. Cram for about six months and being sick nearly three years.

The writer recently ate an apple, of the Roxbury Russet variety, from the cellar of Hiram Kent, that was picked in September, 1884, and was consequently about sixteen months old. It was well preserved and had retained its flavor so that any one would hardly suspect its age.

WEST FERRISBURGH.

D. C. Barto is on the sick list—for a few days only, it is hoped.

Rev. J. S. North held a meeting at Basin Harbor school-house on Sunday evening last. Silas Hoyt took charge of the meeting at Gospel City.

Mrs. Ursula Hatch has been quite sick for a week or ten days, having been unable to be moved even to have her bed

made or to raise her head from the pillow. Her daughter, Mrs. Bloss, arrived from Parishville, N. Y., on Thursday night.

Christmas and New Year's were made the occasions for family gatherings and the exchange of presents. Twenty-one persons assembled at D. C. Barto's Christmas day, where a beautiful tree, heavily-laden, greeted the eyes of the youngsters and made glad the hearts of the oldsters. One hundred and ninety different articles were distributed; and next year there will be another.

VERGENNES.

Quite a number united with the M. E. church last Sunday.

R. Maldoon had a New Year's present in the shape of a bouncing daughter.

Potatoes are selling at 50 cents by the quantity. Hay is selling at \$15 a ton delivered around town.

Rev. Father Kerlidoon, formerly of the Catholic church in this city, paid his friends here a visit last week.

The ladies of St. Paul's church held their social this week Tuesday evening at the residence of L. M. Vittum.

Mrs. A. E. Kimball has sold her house to St. Paul's parish for a parsonage; price, \$1500; very cheap property.

A dog fight last Tuesday evening created considerable excitement, and for awhile it looked as if a man fight would grow out of it.

Prof. A. B. Clark officiated at St. Paul's last Sunday. He is not a full-fledged minister yet, but is taking a theological course at New York.

Samuel J. Allen, clerk at E. C. Scott's meat market, has received a pension of two dollars per month and \$500 back pay. It came New-Year's day.

E. G. Norton has purchased of the Bixby estate the house called the Ezra Smith place. This is a pleasant little house and was bought at a fair price.

Wm. C. Bradbury, so long an efficient postal clerk, has resigned and gone into business with his brother George in Boston, Mass. His address is in care of the Sherman House.

Mrs. A. E. Kimball, formerly of this city, now of Concord, N. H., is visiting friends in this city. She is keeping a fancy-goods store in Concord, and reports her business good.

Col. Scranton made his friends here a short visit last week. His short stay was regretted very much by those who would like to have seen him. His family are at Hon. F. E. Woodbridge's.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Ross of Franklin Falls are sorry to learn of their loss in the death of their little eight-year-old boy, Charley. He had suffered for months.

Barnard Bros. have purchased of the Farmers' national bank the property on Greene street known as the Dean block, for \$1700. They will move their harness shop to this place in the spring and live overhead, as there are several nice rooms on the second and third floors.

Among the leading industries of Vergennes, the Vermont Shade Roller Co. occupies a prominent place. The members of this stock company live in Burlington. The manufactory is located at the west end of the bridge. It is 128x60 feet, and four stories high. Adjoining is the boiler house, built of brick and stone. Near by is the dry house and store room. Besides shaving house and barn, making altogether quite an array of buildings. The moving spirit of this machinery-filled structure is a sixty-horse-power water wheel from the Rodney Hunt Machine Co. of Orange, Mass. Thirty-five hands are employed, and the entire establishment is under the control of Mr. S. A. Tuttle as superintendent. The market for the manufactured goods of this company includes New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Concord, N. H.; and foreign orders, through New York houses, are not a novelty. During the season of navigation eight boat-loads of manufactured goods were shipped, each boat averaging 750 gross of certain roll stock. During the winter months the shipments do not average so high. Besides the 200 feet by 250, occupied by the described buildings, the company has about two acres of land near the steamboat dock, which is used for the storage of stock. On this two acres there are nine sheds for the protection of the better class of stock and the whole space is now occupied. The manufactory is warmed by steam, and fire-extinguishing arrangements have been so perfected that it would seem almost impossible for the structure to be burned. Steam pipes run under both the dry and shaving buildings, and each could be filled with a dense body of steam in very brief time. The business is run on full time, and frequently night work becomes necessary to fill their large orders.

WEST SALISBURY.

T. C. Branch is again confined to the house.

A. G. Jones and wife, who have been visiting Mrs. Jones' parents at Felchville, have returned home.

Hon. J. M. Dyer has been confined to the house this week with a severe cold, but will soon be able to be about again.

J. Larrow, an exile from the onion fields of Canada, is much persecuted by designing rascals (?). He is again in trouble and his vocabulary of choice French expletives frequently explodes. "Jo" says he doesn't keep brood mares for the fun of the thing.

The school in district No. 1, taught by Dan L. Rogers, is in a flourishing condi-

tion. This is his sixth very successful term here. He belongs to the senior class of the medical department, university of Vermont. It may be interesting to some who are not acquainted with the fact to know that the grand list of this district is one-third that of the whole town.

SALISBURY.

John Ellis, tiring no doubt of bachelor life, has launched his boat upon the raging sea of matrimony. One of Ripton's fair daughters is the "mate."

L. N. Waterhouse, our popular town clerk, has been confined to the house of late with a chronic ailment; but we are pleased to learn that he is again able to be about.

Officer Burroughs was in town last week looking after an antiquated specimen of horse-flesh which it is said was sold or traded off contrary to the wishes of certain interested parties. The animal belonged in Monkton.

The state of the roads is something appalling at this writing. As some one has aptly expressed it, they are "Z, No. 26." Our Vermont winters are not what they used to be, at least the fore part of them.

Every one is grumbling about the high taxes this year, and perhaps not without cause. But this town is fortunate in not having a heavy debt saddled upon the taxpayers, as have some towns, and we ought not to grumble much if taxes are a little higher this year.

A few chaps at the village, pugilistically inclined, seem bent upon acquiring a little notoriety in a small way. Several hand-to-hand encounters, *a la d'antiquite*, have taken place within a short time, and more trouble is brewing. The authorities ought to increase the force of regular patrolmen, and stop all this violence and bloodshed in the streets and places of public resort.

WEST CORNWALL.

Stella Robinson died this forenoon (Tuesday) of typhoid fever.

Sewing circle will meet with Mrs. H. W. Bingham on Wednesday afternoon, the 13th.

Mrs. C. A. Flanders of Pittsford, with her little girl, visited at her father's last week.

Again has been heard the chime of wedding bells; this time in Whiting, at the home of James McDonald, Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, when his niece, Miss Mabel, was united in marriage to Will E. Taylor of the same place. At a little past eight o'clock the groom entered the parlor with his mother, followed by the bride on the arm of her uncle. The couple stood under an evergreen arch from which hung the traditional horse-shoe. Mr. Mayhew performed the marriage ceremony which made the twain one. Congratulations followed, and the usual chat of such an occasion; then came refreshments, to which all did ample justice. The tables were laden with a lavish abundance of good things, oysters, biscuit, cold tongue, salmon, cakes and cakes, pickles, cheese, tea and coffee, ice-cream and oranges. Among the presents we noticed a fine album from the bride's uncle; red table spread from sister Millie; money from A. C. Hubbard; large lamp, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bingham; hanging lamp, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, E. and H. Taylor; napkin rings, Bertie and Minnie Taylor; pickle casket and fork, bride's mother; glass set, May Waite; teapot, Mrs. Geo. Waite; glass water pitcher, Mrs. Waite; cut glass toilet bottle, silver sugar spoon and cream spoon, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Taylor. The guests remained beyond the customary time, as the night was very dark, but there was no lack of entertainment. Age forgot itself and all were young together, and fun and merriment ruled the hour; and when all left for home, they left behind best wishes for the future of the couple just setting out together on this new journey, and carrying with them pleasant memories of a very pleasant occasion and of the very hospitable manner with which all were received and entertained.

WHITING.

As A. Pond's family moved to Middlebury this week.

Judge Abel Walker is sick, and fears are expressed that he may not recover.

Bissett & Washburn are still buying and loading potatoes at our station.

Mrs. Calvin Kelsey is getting better. The doctor says that she has whooping cough.

School matters have quieted down here in town and everything seems to move on nicely now.

Mrs. F. D. Douglas is expected home this coming week from the West, where she has been visiting her mother and sisters.

Gertie Chatterton is quite sick with bilious fever; and Rolla Goodrich is very ill with diptheria. Both patients are under Dr. Wright's care.

There was to be a social visit at Mrs. Mary D. Green's this week Wednesday. All were invited and expected to attend that could do so.

Several out-of-town people attended church here Sunday and all say they heard a very able discourse by Rev. W. M. Mayhew.

The repairs on the gallery at the Congregational church make a great improvement in the looks, if nothing more; and we think the convenience will be appreciated by the singers.

No objections are entertained, so far as heard from, to anything that occurred in

town on New Year's day. The little social dance is, of course, not alluded to, as it is hoped that there will be many more of them before the winter is over.

It was a quiet little social gathering down at James McDonald's last Wednesday evening, when Will Taylor and Mabel McDonald were made husband and wife by Rev. W. M. Mayhew. It was a quiet affair, but still there were many nice and useful presents.

[From Another Correspondent.]

O, how muddy! It is almost impossible to travel on the clay roads, this week.

Some of our older scholars are attending school out of town this winter, and others are remaining at home in preference to attending the district school, although taught by one of the oldest teachers in the county.

Dr. J. Freeman, pastor of the Baptist church, was able to preach to his people last Sunday, much to their satisfaction. Although much fatigued, he also officiated at the communion table after the morning service. It was with much pleasure that we saw so many of our little folks in their accustomed places in the Sunday school.

CORNWALL.

Miss Gertie Bond has returned home from her school in Castleton.

The funeral services of Benjamin Field took place at his residence on Tuesday last, Rev. Mr. Stebbins officiating.

On New Year's day Rev. Mr. Stebbins presented each member of his congregation with a beautiful New Year's card.

The dairymen in South Cornwall and vicinity are quite enthusiastic over the contemplated creamery of N. B. Douglas & Son. It is a fine location for such an enterprise, and it is thought the patronage will be large.

Last Sunday, the first Sunday in the new year, Rev. Mr. Stebbins addressed his people from the 19th chapter of Luke, thirteenth verse. The service closed with the celebration of the Lord's supper; several united with the church. The Sabbath school concert was exceedingly interesting, the subject being a review of the past, and the Angel of the New Year. The school numbers 207, an increase of twenty; four have been removed by death. The old board of officers was elected. D. P. T. Matthews is the superintendent.

ORWELL.

Col. W. B. Wright is apparently slowly recovering, but is not out danger.

Mrs. Caroline Dewey of Champlain, N. Y., is visiting her many friends in town.

Mrs. Susan P. Brock is in town visiting her children and settling up business matters here.

Geo. Wright of New York city is in town, called here by the severe sickness of his brother, Col. W. B. Wright.

Martin Dunder and Miss Kate Murphy were married at the Catholic church in Brandon on Thursday of last week.

Meetings will be held during the present week at the Congregational church every day or evening except Saturday.

The annual meeting of the Congregational society was held on Tuesday, Dec. 29, and the usual routine business was transacted.

Miss Mary O'Brien, daughter of Dennis O'Brien of this town, and a gentleman from Poutney, we believe, but did not learn his name—were married at the Catholic church in Brandon on Thursday of last week. Success to these young people.

Miss Minnie Cutts, daughter of Hon. H. T. Cutts, is in poor health, caused by over-exertion while in school. We understand Doctor W. H. Vincent is her attending physician. At last accounts she was no better. Her ailment is acute rheumatism.

Rev. S. F. Calhoun gave an excellent sermon on Sunday last and a large audience was in attendance. Communion services were also held in connection with the morning service, and one member—Miss Mary E. Gale—was received on profession of faith.

Wm. Hadley, who has lived in town but a short time and occupied a tenement house belonging to S. M. Wright, was arrested by Constable Roach of Hubbardston, on a warrant issued by Edward Gansen, for the stealing of a harness from Jay Hall of that town and an axe from the postmaster. He left another harness in place of the one he took from Mr. Hall, for which no owner has yet been found. The letter "H" is on the blinders. The prisoner pleaded guilty and was held for trial in \$300 bonds, and not being able to furnish them, was committed to the house of correction. The family are in very needy circumstances and will at once become a town charge. It consists of a mother and several children.

SHOREHAM.

The week of prayer is to be observed.

Mrs. L. H. Tottlingham and Miss Nellie are spending a few days in Rutland.

Several car-loads of potatoes are to be taken from town soon by different parties.

The entertainment announced for Tuesday, Jan. 12, is, on account of the bad roads, postponed one week. Additions will be made to the programme.

We are glad to announce that our young friend, Julius B. North, is convalescent and it is expected he can be removed to his home before many days.

The drama, "Our Folks," was pronounced a success by a large and appreciative audience. Many desire that it shall be repeated, and time and good sleighing will tell.

Sunday night, near Richville, an unknown team overturned George Wright, throwing him from the wagon and dislocating his right shoulder, then drove along, leaving Mr. W. to take care of himself and team.

Tha Waltham (Mass.) Record says: "Gracie Bingham, the little Vermont lady now so well and pleasantly known to Walthamites, passed through this city one day last week and a large delegation of friendly admirers who had been notified of the fact of her coming on a certain train, assembled at the depot to greet her. When the train arrived the little one alighted and received a cordial reception and a fine banquet also. She is pronounced to be a fine looking child and the gentlemen who have taken so much interest in her are more pleased than ever with the little stranger friend." Christmas, Gracie received a nice silver cup from these gentlemen.

State News.

Sheldon people are talking about putting up a creamery.

Nearly 100 buildings, valued at \$250,000 were put up at Burlington during 1885.

The musicians of St. Johnsbury are preparing to give the "Pirates of Penzance."

Charles Emery was convicted of arson in the Orange county court. Sentence was deferred.

In the village of Bellows Falls, which has a population of 3000, there were only 37 deaths last year.

Rutland is to have a prize fight, between Jimmy Hurst of Montreal and James Haley of Essex, two weeks hence.

Among the pensions recently granted is one of \$8 a month to a Danville woman, who gets back pay to the amount of \$2200.

Each student's room in the Vermont university at Burlington has been fitted with gymnastic apparatus by W. J. Van Patten of Boston.

Montpelier's latest acquisition is a military band, said to be first-class, and equipped with triple silver-plated instruments. It will accompany the Grand Army posts of the State to San Francisco next summer.

Brattleboro's free public library, which the town is to have through the munificence and public spirit of George J. Brooks, is to be completed by October 1, 1886. It will be 50 by 25 feet, with a wing 33 by 10, and will be constructed of pressed brick, with brownstone, granite and terra-cotta trimmings.

The wife and child of Alvin Bullis, colored, were probably fatally burned Thursday morning at Hinesburgh. The child, three months old, was on the bed, and another child, three years old, was amusing it by whirling a burning stick, when the little one's clothes took fire. The mother came in, and in her attempts to put out the fire and save her child had her own clothing burned off from her.—Free Press.

Probably fatal injuries were received by Galusha Bundy at St. Johnsbury the other day. He was riding with his granddaughter, when the horse became frightened by the breaking of the harness and ran, throwing out the occupants of the sleigh. Miss Buel was not seriously injured, but Mr. Bundy struck on his head and has been unconscious since and his death is hourly expected. He is nearly 80 years old.

There is to be a meeting at Waterbury the 20th inst. of the executive committee of the State Camp-Meeting association, when plans will be made for the annual out-door August gathering. It is proposed to hold meetings three days in succession, with three eminent speakers, at three different points in the State, instead of heretofore. It is thought that such a series of meetings can be made to develop an interest over the State.

At Berlin, the other day, Mrs. Farrar's hired man, named William Curran, suddenly disappeared with \$800 of her money. Deputy Sheriff Howe of Northfield traced him to White River Junction, then to St. Albans, and from there to Canada, and finally arrested him at a small hotel about two miles from Stanbridge. Mr. Howe got Curran across the line into Vermont, and he was put in jail at Montpelier. Curran had four days start, but was overtaken and lodged in jail in 20 hours.

Among the cases to come before the January term of the supreme court for Chittenden county is that of the Granite State Mutual Aid association, organized under the laws of New Hampshire, against the insurance commissioners of Vermont to compel them to issue a license to the association to do business in this State. This is an amicable action brought for the purpose of having a construction put upon that section of the Vermont insurance law relating to the specification of the amount of capital stock and assets of insurance companies.

Fatal skating accidents are reported from West Pawlet, where on Friday Robie Roberts, aged nine years, son of Robert J. Roberts, and Hugh Roberts, aged 12 years, and Willie Roberts, aged nine years, sons of Robert R. Roberts, while skating on what is known as Folger's pond, broke through the ice and were drowned. The warm weather had rendered the ice unsafe. The bodies

were recovered after having remained in the water about an hour. The father of two of the boys a few days ago lost one of his eyes while at work in a slate quarry.

South Londonderry's new postmaster, F. M. Wood, is beset with troubles that promise to cost him his place, according to the *Brattleboro Reformer*. A business man of that town recently posted a letter with a peculiar envelope, containing \$150 and two checks for the Vermont national bank of Brattleboro. The letter cannot be traced beyond Wood's office. In investigating this matter it turns out that Wood holds the office on shares with ex-Postmaster Smith, who resigns in favor of Wood provided the receipts be divided and the office be kept in Smith's store.

Burglars made their appearance at Manchester Sunday morning, and broke into three places of business—Burr & Manley's store, J. P. Blackmer's, and the office of W. H. Fullerton's marble shop. From the safe of Burr & Manley, which they blew open, \$250 in money was taken. At one of the other places they were frightened away by a watch-dog after having broken into the building. The thieves are believed to be the same ones who robbed Mr. North of Shoreham, burglarized stores in Brandon, and more recently blew open the safe of Denison Bros. at Pittsford.

The Bellows Falls liquor dealers passed an unhappy New Year's. Their places were visited by a deputy sheriff armed with warrants placed in his hands by the State's attorney. He first arrested A. McDonald, proprietor of the Avenue House. McDonald was so drunk when taken that his case had to be put over until Saturday, when he pleaded guilty to 20 indictments. He was fined \$200 and costs and appealed. Charles Hinkley's saloon on Canal street was the next place raided. He pleaded guilty to 18 offences and was fined \$180 and costs. His case was also appealed.

A tally-ho coach with a family of eight women and children besides the driver left Burlington Saturday for a ride to a neighboring town. One of the party carried a kerosene lantern inside for the darkness of the night. Suddenly the coach ran into a ditch and upset. The lamp was broken and the burning oil set fire to the clothing of the women and children. A Mrs. Miller, one of the occupants of the coach, was burned so that she will probably die. When the coach upset she fell on top of the lantern. The flesh on one side of her body was terribly burned.

Longevity and numbers were characteristics of the family of the late David and Mary Newton of Hartford. There were 16 children and the first-born child was not 25 years old when the youngest was born, no death took place in the family until the youngest child was nearly 25 years old, and the entire family were living under one and the same roof when the youngest of the 16 children was in the cradle. The average ages of the whole family at death were 69 years, and of the children 68 years. The youngest child and last surviving member died in 1876.

Morton Davis, the Dummerston school-master who shot a farmer of the district, has been placed under \$150 bonds to await the result of his exploit. It is said that the night before the shooting and after Davis had sent one of the boys home for disobedience Dodge went to the schoolhouse where he openly threatened the teacher, who took the matter to heart and that night procured a pistol which he took to school with him the next day in anticipation of further trouble. Dodge went to the schoolhouse that noon, accompanied by two of the boys whom the teacher had corrected, and it is said again threatened Davis in a violent and abusive manner, whereupon the latter ordered Dodge out of the schoolhouse, when the shooting followed. Dodge is recovering.

General News.

DOMESTIC.

The Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian church, about four miles from Pittsburg, Pa., was the scene of a desperate cocking-maid New-Year's night.

President Cleveland has contributed \$100 to the Grant monument fund. Accompanying the contribution is the hope that the association would succeed in its object.

Senator Blair has introduced a bill to provide for the erection of monuments in Washington to President Lincoln and Gen. Grant similar to the Washington monument, to cost \$1,000,000 each. None but American citizens are to be employed upon this work.

Postmaster-General Vilas's house at Washington was entered the other evening by burglars while the family were at dinner. The burglars got into the house through the second-story window, and carried off a seal-skin sacque, a gold watch and a garnet necklace, which were valued at \$450.

Final decrees were entered in the United States circuit court at Philadelphia Tuesday in the suits of the American Bell telephone company and another against the Baxter Overland telephone and telegraph company, the Penn Overland telephone and telegraph company and the Overland telephone company and another. It is decreed that the letters patent granted to Alexander Graham Bell, March 7, 1876, and January 30, 1877, are good and valid in law.

A. P. Wooldridge, chairman of the citizens' committee at Austin, Tex., officially